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DEVICE, METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MEASURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROPERTIES IN A MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 6. (AMENDED) The device according to claim 3, wherein said imaging sensor detects a picture of the reflectivity and transmissivity and propagation speed of sound waves.
- 16. (AMENDED) A system comprising a device according to claim 1, said instrument evaluates the measurement data based on a method according to